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I have designated the pages containing the list of members as A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. This is an approximation of the time period covered by a particular list. List "F" does not seem to have been used.

I find that the minutes and the lists of members do not agree in places. Members were added to the lists with no mention in the minutes, or vice versa, so the time periods for the lists are not firm.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH UPON WHICH THIS CHURCH IS CONSTITUTED BEING THE

FAITH OF THE LITTLE WABASH ASSOCIATION ((Done at the place of George Close, Wayne County, Illinois, August the 5th, 1820)

Article I We believe in one only living and true God; the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

2nd We believe that the Scriptures of the old and New Testament are of Divine Authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and that all Adam's posterity are sinners by nature, and that they have neither will nor power to deliver themselves from their condemned and sinful state by their ability which they possess by nature.

4th We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world.

5th We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ

6th We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that good works are the fruits of the faith of God's elect, and follow after they are born of the spirit of God, and only justify them declaratively and are evidences of their gracious state.

7th We believe the Saints shall persevere in grace and never fall finally away

8th We believe that baptism and the Lords Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that believers are the only proper subjects, and that the only true mode of baptism is by emmersion.

9th We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment

10th We believe that the punishments of the wicked and the joys of the righteous will be eternal

11th We believe that not Mininster has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel only such as have been regularly baptised called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery by the authority of the Church of Christ.

12th We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week or Lords Day and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and thaton it we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in cases of necessity and mercy.

The names of the following were under the phrase "done at the place of George Close Wayne County Illinois August the 5th 1820":

James Bird	Mary Watkins
Stephen Coonrod	Neomi Close
William Watkins	James Taylor acting clerk
John Coonrood	
Susan Bird	
Anna Blissit	



THE LIST OF PLACES OF HOLDING ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE REGULAR BAPTIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST (State of Illinois)

- In the year of our Lord 1845 it was held with the Mt Gilead Church, White
In the year of our Lord 1846 it was holden with Mt Pleasant , White County
In the year Ad 1847 it was held with Long Prairie, Edwards Co., Ill.
In the year AD 1848 it was holden with Hopewell Church, Wayne Co., Ill.
In the year of our Lord 1849 it was holden with the Mount Hope Church,
(I believe they mean New Hope Church) in White Co., Ill.
In the year of our Lord 1850; it was holden with the Burnt Prairie
Church Wayne County, Illinois; and
In the year 1851 it was holden with the Long Prarie Church; Edwards Co
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(I do not know why the gap from 1862-1866. Could it be
because of the Civil War)
In the year 1867 with Little Wabash White County, Illinois
In the year 1868 with the Long Prarie Edwards County, Illinois
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In 1870 with Grayville (a town on the Big Wabash River)
In 1871 with Mt. Pleasant White County, Illinois
In 1872 with Little Wabash, White County, Illinois

RULES OF DECORUM OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LITTLE

WABASH ASSOCIATION -Hopewell Record Book 1845

1st we do agree that the church meet once a month and that meeting open at twelve O'clock by singing & prayer, & sitting in conference
2nd The moderator shall first procede to invite visiting Brethren belonging to the Baptist Union in good standing to a seat with us; and then to procede to inquire for peace and refference.
3rd The moderator shall be deemed a judge of order & shall have a right to call order at any time.

4th Only one person shall speak at a time & shall arise from his seat & address the moderator when he is about to speak.

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5th The member thus speaking shall not be interrupted unless he deviate from subject in hand, & any motion made & seconded shall come under the consideration of the church unless withdrawn by him who made it.
6th When any motion is taken up by the Church & and the question called for; the moderator shall take the question and pronounce the decision.

7th No member shall speak more than three times to any subject without leave of the Church.

8th The moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as another member if his seat be filled but shall have no vote unless the church be equally divided.

9th Any member knowingly suffer their children to go to dancing frolics while under there tuition shall be dealt with as in other offences -

10th Any member failing to fill his seat on days of business shall shew cause for there none attendance, and give satisfaction if called on.

11th Any member reflecting on the judgment of the Church shall be dealt at the discretion of the Church -

12th All motions shall be decided by a majority except that of fellowship-

13th Any member absenting themselves while in Church conference without leave of the Church shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Church

14th Any member violating these rules shall be reprovod at the discretion of the Church--- done by order of the Church

December 23, 1961

In the early 1800's there was a number of Regular Baptist Churches formed in Southern Illinois. The minutes of the Church Records at first called them "Regular Baptist Church of Christ". Then would be added the local name Regular Baptist Church of Christ of Hopewell, of Mt. Pleasant, of New Hope, White County, of Bucks Prairie, of Long Prairie, of Edwards County, of Mt. Gilead, of Little Flock of Hickory Hill, of Little Wabash, of Birk's Prairie, of Pleasant Union, of Salem, and later of Carmi, of Maunie, of Crossville, and of Calvin.

Hopewell Church was organized at "the place of George Close, Wayne County, Illinois August the 5th 1820." Those in attendance were:

James Bird

Mary Watkins

Stephen Coonrod

Neomi Close

William Watkins

James Taylor, acting Clerk

John Coonrod

Susan Bird

(Taken from Church Records)

Anna Blissit

copied as near the original as possible

" At our March meeting in the year of our Lord 1845 in consequence of a disturbance (disturbance) in the church elder John Kimmel being concerned (concerned) in it, and the Church deviding (dividing) at that time, they having the Church Book in their possession and refusing to give it up we therefore lost our records for several years, ---
Jany 18th day 1845 Church meeting

The regular Baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell, met and after divine Service; proceeded to appoint brother John Hunsinger MD (Moderator) protem; to invite visiting brethren to a Seat in council and 3 inquired for peace and references, 4 on motion took up a charge against Elder John Kimmel from report, for having made false Statements, at a Mr Clarks J P where a trial was pending between himself & brother David Stewart; as admr (Administrator) of Jonathan Stewart, the Church appoint Brethren to wit William McCullough S. Pendleton, B Pendleton, J Dorris, H. Meeks, & J Atterberry as a committy; to examine in to the truth of the matter & the committy, after gaining all the information they could at present, reported that they believe there was Some grounds for the charge, and on motion of the Church the case is referred till next meeting for trial; & say they request the Bro Clark to write to Sister Christena Williams; & Bro Wm Brown members of the little Wabash Church to atten our next meeting as witnesses; in the case also request Bro D Stewart; and Bro Joel Hume to attend with us at that time. 5th they say the next meeting to be at the Schoolhouse near Wm McCullough 6th on application of Bro Walker a letter of dismission was granted to Sister El? Wilson and the Bro Clerk authorised to write Said letter--

El? (Eliza maybe - wife of Pendleton)

The Regular Baptist Church of Christ met at Hopewell, on Saturday before the 3 Lords day in February A D 1845, and after prayer proseeded to business to appoint Brother John Hunsinger; MD protem, 2 to inquire for peace & references, 3 took up the reference from last meeting, respecting the charge against Elder John Kimmel, and agree to mend said minits so as to read in making false Statements, at a Mr Clarks J P (Justice of Peace) by Saying that Johnathan Stewart,



forgive him a certain debt, on meeting of him at a Mr Arter Williams ferry, when Said Stewart was horse hunting it being the debt then in question, 4 after having the testimony, relating to the matter, agree to refer the matter to a committee, consisting of the following named Brethren to wit; Wm McCullough Saml Pendleton; Pradi Meeks, Harden Meeks, Lapsley Hall, Nathan Atterberry, Solomon Blissit who reported back not agreed; 5th the Church then voting on it a majority say retain him in fellowship Elder John Kimmel, then adjourn till time and place appointed.--

March the 15 day 1845 Church meeting
The regular Baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell met at the School house near Br Wm McCulloughs- Elder John Kimmel being under Sensure of the Church; and also under dealing, went forward and sung and praid; and contended for the moderators place and the Church urged on him to take his seat and let the Church choose her Moderator & he would not therefore a majority of the Church, withdrew to Brother Wm McCulloughs, to wit the following Brothers and Sisters, S Blisset J W Baird & Wife; L Hall & Wife; Wm McCullough & Wife; Isaac Walker; Sarah Meeks; J Atterberry & Wife; Mary Watkins; Mary McCullough; Jane Hurl (Harl); Dicy Murphy; the above named Brothers and Sisters; taking there seats & after prayer proceeded to business, first, the Church say that Br Wm McCullough serve them as Moderator. & Jno Atteberry as Clk (Clerk) for the present day. 2nd the Church Say that She continue the Charge against Elder John Kimmel for failing to give general Satisfaction to the Church at our last meeting. 3 on motion the Church Say that She call on four of hir Sister Churches; for helps; to wit; Mt. Pleasant, Burnt Prairie; Mt. Taber; & New Hope and appoint the following brethren to see them, Br I Walker, to Mt Pleasant, J W Baird to New Hope; L Hall to Burnt prairie & Mt Taber.- 4 on motion the Church took up a charge again st Elder John Kimmel; for not adhering to the rules of the Church, then adjourned; till time & place - John Atterberry Clk protom. Wm McCullough D MD

March the 19th 1845 Call meeting for business the regular baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell, met at Bro S Blissits; and after divine Service, proceeded to business the Church appoint Bro J. Atterberry MD & Isaiah Walker clk for the day 2 on motion & Second the Church Say that She notify Elder John Kimmel to attend with us at our next meeting in corse to be at this place & Br S Blissit & Jno Atterberry attend to the Same. --- Jno Atterberry MD protom Isaiah Walker Clk prt at Hopewell

The regular Baptist Church of Christ met on Saturday before the third Sunday in April 1845 at Bro S Blissits & after worship proceeded to business 1st called on Elder Charles Whiting MD prt & Bro John Hunsinger Clk protom. 2nd to invite visiting brethren to a seat in council with us 3th to inquire for peace & references; 4th after reading the proceedings from two of the last meetings, took up the charge against Elder John Kimmel, & called for the helps from Mt. Pleasant, who were present, to wit; A C Hunsinger, John Williams; Charles Sexton. Burnt Prairie T (for Tolliver) Simpson, R S Gray, Jefferson Murphy; New hope Church John Carter, Miles Carter, & Richard Upton; Mt Taber Church, James Sims; Abram Marten, the afore named brethren being present, were received as helps, with this Church, to act as a committee in Settling the difficulty existing in Sd Church; the Church Says they



request the Sd committy to hear the testimony and Say whether the charge against Elder John Kimmel, has bin supported or not & report back to Said Church. their decision. Said charge against Said Kimmel exists in the following, for making false statements at a Mr Clarks JP in Saying bro Johnathan Stewart, forgave him a certain debt on meeting of the Sd Stewar t at a Mr Arther Williamses when Said Stewart was hunting of his horses, Said debt being then claimed against the Said Kimmel, by bro David Stewart, Administrator, of J Stewart bro Kimmel being duly notified & not appearing, the comitty proceeded to hear the evidence & after with drawing a few minutes returned and Say they consider the charge fully sustained against Elder John Kimmel, taken up by Hopewell Church the Church Say they exclude Said Kimmel from the fellowship of this Church and she no more accountabbe for his conduct; it is further agreed by this Church to appoint bro John Atterberry and S Blissit to wait on the Said Kimmel and demand his credentials,- 5 agreed to hold our next meeting at S Blissits. John Hunsinger Clk protom, Charles Whiting MD protom

May 17th 1845 the Regular Baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell , met according to appointment and after divine service; proceeded to business; first appoin ed brother Israel Dewey MD for the day; & Jno Atterberry Clk 2nd callof for peace and references 3 the Church Say that she discharge br John Atterberry and S Blissit as discharging their duty in calling on John Kimmel for his credentials, which he refused, to give up, 4 the church Say that she write a friendly letter to Br Whiting and Br Williams, to attend us at our next meeting in corse to be at Br John Atterberrys, then adjourned till time & place apointed. J Atterberry Clk protom I. Dewie MD protom

June 14th 1845 Church meeting
The Regular Baptist Church of Christ . at Hopewell met according to appointment & after divine Services set in order (the writer always makes a capital "S") but for convenience I am going to discontinue making capitas "S" for snall words in the middle of sentences.) 1st to Bro S Williams md protom J Atteberry Clk protom 2nd on motion the Church say that Brother McCullough, Bro Walker, Bro Baird, bro Hall, bro Blisset & br J Ateberry see those brothers & Sisters that has not met with us the three last meetings, & request them to attend with us at our next meeting in course; and appoint Sister Close & Sister McCullough to see Sister Kimmel & request hir to attend at our next meeting to bee at the School house near bro McCulloughs, then adjourned to time and place. Bro S. Williams md protom. J Atterberry Clk protom

July the 19th 1845 Church Meeting
The Regular baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell met according to appointment, & after divine Service set in order 1st the Church say Bro John Hunsinger be our moderator to day & John Atterberry Clk 2nd the charge taken up against Mary Kimmel and she excluded, for deniing fellowship with the Church 3nd a charge taken up against S Pendleton & wife, B Pendleton, N Atterberry, Harden Meeks & wife Granville Palmer, & James Davis & wife, (could be James Doris & wife. The "y" looks like two "n's" for attending with Kimmel in disorder, & absenting themselves from the Church the three last meetings, and the Church appoint bro McCullough, L Hall, to see S Pendleton & wife, B Pendleton, Sister Carter; Harden Meeks & wife & .



& J Atterberry & J W Baird to see Granville Palmer & James Davis (or Dorris) & wife, N Atterberry, & request them to attend with us at our next meeting in course & give satisfaction for their non attendance with us 4th agree that I. Walker, J W Baird prepare a letter to the next association; and present it at the next meeting for inspection; & agree to send one dollar, for minits, then adjourned till time & place, appointed Jno Hunsinger Md & J Atterberry Clk

August the 16th day 1845 Church meeting

the Regular baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell persuent to adjournment, & after prayr set in order 1st the reference took up against the brethren & Sisters, that hasnot attended with us, & the brethren discharged that went to see them 2nd the Church say that Benjamin Pendleton, Nathan Atterberry, Granville Palmer, Harden Meeks & Wife is no more of us & is excluded from us. the case of S Pendleton & Wife, Sister Carter J (here it looks like J Doris & Wife) refered til some future period 3th on motion the letter to the association called for and received also appointed brother I. Walker J W Baird, & Wm McCullough to bear our letter to the association; & in case of failure bro L Hall; 4th the Church say our next meeting in course be at the meeting house, I. Walker Md protom, J Atterberry Clk

September 20th 1845 Church meeting

The Regular baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell met according to appointment and after divine service prseeded 1st appointed Elder S Williams

Moderator & bro Israel Dewey Clk 2 the reference called for against brother Doris & wife, & Sister Carter & they excluded for refusing to hear the voice of the Church, & setting with Kimmel in a Church capacity and him Excluded from the Church 3nd took up a charge against Samuel Pendleton & wife, & Sister Felix, for attending with Kimmel in disorder & appointed bro McCullough & Jno Atterberry to see them, & request them to attend our next meeting. 4 appointed bro L Hall second trustee of Hopewell Church, then adjourned till time & place appointed. Stephen Williams Md protom Israel Dewey Clk protom

October the 19th 1845 Church meeting

The Regular Baptist church of Christ of Hopewell met at bro S Blissits

& after divine service proceeded 1st the church say that Elder Stephen Williams, stand mod; for the present day; 2nd. invited visiting brethren to a seat in council with us 3nd inquired for peace & references 4th the charge called for against brother S Pendleton & wife & Sister Felix, at our last meeting, the brethren appointed to see & talk to the above named brother & Sister report that the have seen bro Pendleton & from what he says they were satisfied it was not worth while to attempt to restore them. 5th the church say that Bro S Pendleton & wife are no more of our body & we hold our selves no longer accountable for their conduct 6th appoint brother L Hall to see Sister Felix; & report at our next meeting 7th a letter of dismission, granted to sister Elizabeth Atterberry & the Clk requested to write one, 8th the Church say hir next meeting be at the school house near bro McCulloughs Elder S Williams Md E C Hord Clk protom

November the 15th 1845 Church meeting

The regular baptist Church of Christ at hopewell met, according to appointment & after prayr set in order first the referrences of Sister Felix laid

over & Sister Close appointed to see hir & report hir mind towards the Church 2nd the Church say bro J W Baird be hir Clerk; eth the Church say bro I. Walker be hir standing Moderator for Hopewell Church. Isiah Walker Mdr T. Simpson Clk pro (Tolliver Simpson

December the 20th 1845 Church meeting

The regular baptist Church of Christ met at divine service set in order 1st invited visiting brethren to a seat in council with us. 2nd called for peace & refference 3th business called for & the church say hir next meeting be at the schoolhouse near bro Mc Culloughs then adjourned to time & place Israel Dewey Mdr Prot J W Baird Clk

(from now on I will copy the business part only)

January 17th day 1846

3th business called for, then taken into consideration our losing of our church book in consequence of disturbance taking place at our last March meeting in which case we lost our records for some years past. then adjourned to time & place appointed Isiah Walker mdr Jacob W Baird Clk

February the 14 day 1846 Church meeting

The church sit in conference, say that o r next meeting in course be at the School house near Wm McCulloughs Isiah Walker Mdr J W Baird Clk

March the 14th day 1846 Church meeting

3rd business called for, & the Church say our next meeting be at the meeting house. then adjourned to time & place appointed I. Walker Mdr J. W Baird Clk

April the 18th day 1846 Church Meeting

3rd the refference of Sister Felix took up and Sister Close; & Sister McCullough; appointed to see Sister Felix and report at our next meeting in course, 4 a letter received from our Sister Church New Hope for our friendly help in council in their next meeting, the letter received; and J W Baird & brethren Wm McCullough Jno Atterberry, & I. Walker, volunteered to go at the request of our Sister Church New Hope then adjourned to time and place in course I. Walker Mdr J W Baird Clk

May 15 1846 Church meeting

2nd peace and refferences called for and the refference of Sister Felix took up & Sister Felix is excold from us and is no more under our watch and care 3rd received Sister Charity Walker by letter, and 4th received a letter from our Sister Church of New hope for our friendly aid in the case of brother Israel Dewey & bro Jno Atterberry, Wm McCullough; S Blissit & J W Baird is appointed to go at the request of our sister of New Hope 5th the Church took in to consideration as the having of brother I. Walker ordained as a gospel minister; and the church say that she send to our beloved Sister Churches for their Ministerial aid on that occation, at our meeting in July next; to commence on friday before the third Sunday in that month, Mount Pleasant Mount Gilead and Long Prairie, and that brother Wm McCullough & brother T Simpson volunteer to go with him to Long Prairie, & to Mt Gilead J W Baird and Jno Atterberry, & to Mt Pleasant Lapsley Hall & Pradi Weeks. then adjourned til time & place in course

Isiah Walker mdr
J W Baird Clerk

June 20 1846 Church meeting

3 a door opened for the reception of members and received Nancy King by letter, then adjourned till time and place

July 17th day 1846 Church meeting
The Regular Baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell met on Friday before the 3 Sunday in July 1846 (after peace and references came) 4 the reference of the Ordination of Brother Isaiah Walker taken up and referred until tomorrow 5 the church say the Clerk prepare a letter to the association against next meeting then adjourned till tomorrow
J W Baird Clerk Stephen Williams Mdr

Saturday July 18th day 1846
1st to chose Brother J Doty as moderator 2 visiting brethren invited to a seat with us 3 the reference of the ordination of Brother Isaiah Walker took up from yesterday, and the presbtry received from our Sister Churches; from Long Prairie Elder Jerryiah Doty, and Elder C. S. Madding, from Mt Gillead Elder Wm Thomas, and from Mt Pleasant brethren Adam C. Hunsinger and Landron (Landon) Kelly, the Church received Elder Jerryiah Doty and Elder C S Maden (Madding) from Long Prairie and Elder Wm Thomas from Mt Gillead and brethren Adam C Hunsinger and Landron Kelly from Mt Pleasant, as a presbytry; the presbtry then proceeded to the examination of brother Isaiah Walker, and then to the Ordination of him to the administration of the Gospel, and its ordinances the Church then opened a door for the reception of members. then adjourned till time and place in course
J W Baird Clk Jerryiah Doty Mdr
July 19th day 1846
the above named Presbatrie give up to Brother Isaiah Walker his Credentials in the presents of the Church at their request.
J W Baird Clerk

August 15 day 1846 Church meeting
The Regular baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell met according to appointment, and after divine service proceeded to business first to invite visiting brethren to a seat in council with us. 2 peace and references called for 3 the reference of the Church letter called for, and the letter read and received by the Church to be our letter to the association 4 the church say that Elder I. Walker Br L Hall & J W Baird bear this our letter and contrabution. and the Church say we send one dollar contrabution. the Church then adjourned till time and place in course. J W Baird Clerk & I. Walker Moderator

September 19 day 1846 Church Meeting
(Order of business as usual) 3 the next meeting to be at Jesse Murpheys, then adjourned to time & place J W Baird Clerk & I. Walker modr

November 14 day 1846 Church meeting
The Regular Baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell (business as usual) 3nd a request from Haw Creek Church to help the come to a disolve, at their next meeting the Church say sho answer their request by sending Elder I. Walker and brethren Wm McCullough and J W Baird, to be at their next meeting, 4 the Church say the next meeting be at the School house, near McCulloughs then adjourned I. Walker Md J W Baird Clk



Dec 19th 1846 Church Meeting

The Regular baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell met according to appointment; and after singing & prair set in order 1st visiting brethren invited to a seat with us; 2nd peace & references called for and find all in peace; 3 the Church say hir next meeting be at Br L Halls then adjourned J W Baird Clk Isaiah Walker mdr

Jany the 16th day 1847 Church meeting

The Regular baptist Church of Christ met according to appointment 2nd peace and references called for and find all in peace Church say hir next meeting be at Br Blissits then adjourned till time and place J W Baird Clk Isaiah Walker mdr

February 20 1847

(order of business as usual) 2nd the Church say Br Predi Meeks and J W Baird see Sister Polly Butler and request her to attend our next meeting and assign reasons for hir none attendance with us and answer for some reports in circulation about hir; also that Br Meeks and Br Hall see Sister Buckels and request hir to attend our next meeting and give reasons for her none attendance with us 4th the Church says that adubt (adopt) the articles of faith of the Skillet fork association for theirs. the adjourned Isaiah Walker MDr J W Baird Clk

March 20 1847 Church meeting

(order of business as usual) 2nd the references of Sister Polly Butler remains for next meeting 3 the refference of Sister Buckels took up and she considered no more of us then adjourned J W Baird Clk I. Walker mdr

April 17 1847 Church Meeting

(order of business as usual) peace and reference called for & the refference of Sister Polly Butler left for next meeting 2nd the Church say they have a yearly meeting the friday before the 3 Sunday in August next and that we address a letter to Elder J Doty and C S Madden. likewise to Elder Stephen Williams to be with us on that ocaasion then adjourned Isaiah Walker MDr J W Baird Clk

May 15th day 1847 Church Meeting

(order of business as usual) 3 the refference of Sister Polly Butler read and discharde taken up against hir, and the Church say Polly Butler is nor more a member with us, then adjourned till time and place in course J W Baird Clk I. Walker Mod

June 19 day 1847 Church met July 17 1847 Church met sent one dollar contribution for the association : Church met August 13th day 1847

Oct 16 day 1847 Church met and agreed to meet at Jesse Murphys next time November the 20 day 1847 Church met and agreed to meet at "Br S Blissit " next time

December the 18 1847 Church meeting

(order of business as usual) 3 a door was opened and received by experience Anna Blissit. 4 received a letter from our Sister Church at Mt Tabor requesting aid to come to a disolve, and we answered their request by sending Br I. Walker, L hall, and J W Baird to meet them on Saturday before the 2 Sunday in Jany 1848 the Church say our next meeting be at Br Hall, then adjourned (Clerk and moderator as above)

Jany 15 1848 (order of business as usual) next meeting to be at br Fridi Meeks



Feb'y 19 day 1848 Church meeting
 3 business called for the Church say that she send two brethren to wit
 J W Baird and John Atterberry to see old Br Close; and know his
 reasons for never filling his seat with, and report to next meeting.
 likewise the Church say Sister Close; and Elizabeth Baird go and
 see Sister Phebe Butler and know hir reasons for never filling hir seat
 with us. and report at our next meeting

March the 18 day 1848 Church meeting
 order of business as usual) the refference of old brother Close took
 up, and after hearing all that could be heard on the case the Church
 say that; old Father Close is no more a member with us, for he denies
 the faith, and is guilty of disorderly conduct; and never fills his
 seat with us. 3nd the refference of Sister Phebe Butler laid over to
 our next meeting in course

April 15 day 1848 Church meeting "the refference of Sister Phebe
 Butler is left for a future period

May 20 day 1848 "All in peace"

June the 17 1848 "All in peace"

July 15 1848 Churchmeeting (order of business as usual) 3 the Church
 say the Clerk prepair a letter to the Association for inspection
 at our next meeting. 4 this Church say she answer the request of New
 Hope Church by volunteers and br I. Walker br Baird, Pradi Meeks,
 J Atterberry, and Nathan Renfro and then adjourned

August the 19 day 1848 "All in Peace"

September the 10th 1848 (order of business as usual) 3 a door was
 opened for the reception of members and received Richard Atterberry
 and Eliza his wife by experience; then adjourned

October the 14th 1848 Brother Isaiah Walker requested a letter of dismissal
 which was granted him.

November the 18th 1848 the refference of Sister Pheby Butler took up
 and the two Sisters discharged (to see her) and the reference left
 as it was, 2nd a letter received from the brethren at the Hickory
 hill (probably Little Flock Church, Hickory Hill township) and
 answered by sending brethern Pradi Meeks, S Blissit and Bro Baird to
 meet with them.

December 16th 1848 2nd the refference of Sister Phebe Butler, discontinued.
 then adjourned til time and place in course J W Baird mo pro and Clk

March the 17 1849 "find all in peace"

April the 14 day 1849 request Brother Potter to serve us as moderator.
 Brother Potter mod protom

May the 11 day 1849 "All in Peace"

June the 15th day 1849 "All in peace" opened a d or for the reception
 of members and received Br Felix Potter by letter

July 14 day 1849 "All in peace"

Aug 18th 1849 "the church say she send one dollar contrabution to the
 Association and the church brethren McCullough Baird and Hall be the
 delegates. September the 15th 1849 All in Peace

Oct the 15 day 1849 All in peace the Church say o r next meeting be at
 brother Blissits

Nov 17th 1849 the next meeting to be at J W Baird

December the 15 1849 the Church say our next meeting be at Bro P. Meeks

Dec the 15th 1849 no new business next meeting to be held at Br
P. Weeks then adjourned

Jan 19th 1850 "door was opened for the reception of members and
received Elder Isaiah Walker by letter, also Sister Polly Martin came
forward and was restored into Fellowship by the Church. 4 the Church
say our next meeting be at Br Richard Atterberry Junr then adjourned
in peace Felix Potter md J W Baird Clk

Jany the 20 1850 the door of the church being opened from yesterday;
received Sister Nancy Weeks by letter lik

Febuary the 10th day 1850 "Church say our next meeting at Br Blissits;

March the 16th 1850 Church received Sister Elizabeth Potter by
letter 4th the Church say she will build a meeting house after the
model of Mt Pleasant meeting house and the Church appoint L Hall
Solomon Blissit and J W Baird a building committee to select a place
to build on and report at our next meeting

April 20 day 1850 Comittty drew up a su scription paper for money
to build the Church

May the 18th 1850 the Church say that she send a friendly letter to
our Sister Church of Long Prairie, Edwards County, requesting the, to
give Br Potter his credentials; in the bowels of Christian love. as we
do believe the Lord is a making him a blessing to us

June 15th 1850 Church meeting

The Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Hopewell met according to appointment, and after divine service set in order; 1st visiting bretheren invited to a seat with us; no 2 peace called for; and Brother John Atteberry, talked to the church about a report, in circulation, about him and his wife; and the church say she is satisfied with Brother Atteberry, 3nd the Church say she take up a charge against Sister Barbary Atteberry, for falsly accuseing hir husband, of thing that he is inocent of; and she says she send Brethren Isaiah Walker; F. Potter; and J W Baird to see Sister Atteberry 4 the refference of last meeting called for, and it reported to the Church; and the Brethren discharged; Long prairie Church granted the request of our letter; 5 the Church say that the clerk prepare a letter for the association against next meeting; and that it be inserted in it that we want the association put back to the time it used to be hold; and then she concluded in peace. Felix Potter mod J W Baird Clk

July 20th 1850 Church meeting

The Regular baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Hopewell met according to appointment, and after singing and prair sit in order 1st visiting brethren invited to a seat with us 2nd peace and references called for and the references of the meeting house took up, and the committy report the sum of one hundred ten dollars; and fifty cents, subscribed for building the meeting house and the committy instructed to go on with it. 3 the refference, of Sister, Barbary Atteberry took, and she called on to answer to the charge and Sister Atteberry, failing to give satisfaction was excluded from the watch care of this church, and is no more of us; 4th the letter to the association red and received by filling, up the blanks; 5 the Church say that brethren F. Potter, Elder I. Walker, J W Baird, and in case of failure, S Blissit bear this letter, and contrabution; and that one dollar be the sum sent then concluded in peace. F Potter modr J W Baird Clk

August the 17 day 1850 Church meeting

The Regular baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Hopewell; met, according to appointment; and after divine service set in order 1st visiting brethren invited to a seat with us; no 2 peace and references called for; and find all in peace; nd3 the Church say that; Br Blissit, and Br Hall; sell the old meeting house for want it will fetch; then concluded in peace; F Potter modr J W Baird Clk / Church met 14 Sept 1850 Church met October the 19, 1850 November 16, 1850 December 14 1850 January 18 1851 Feb 15 day 1851 All these meetings had no new business



March the 15 day 1851 Church meeting
(order of business as usual)
3rd item ; "then the Church say she put out three suscription papers to raise funds for our meeting house; one in the hands of Bro John Atteberry ; one in the hands of friend John Meeks, and one in the hand of friend Davis Murphy ; the Church gave Bro Isaiah Walker a letter of dismission; then concluded in peace
J W Baird Clk Felix Potter Mod

Church was held April the 19 day 1851- May the 17 day 1851 - June 14 day 1851

July the 19 day 1851 Churchmeeting when peace and references called for "Br Fridi Meeks, brought an accusation against himself which was received. 3nd the Church that the clerk prepare a letter against next meeting for the association for inspection and that we appoint our delegates to the association."

August the 16th day 1851 Church meeting
(order of business as usual)
the 4th item of business was: "Then Sister, Sally Meeks, requested the Church to strike of hir name from the Church book, which was referred to our next meeting in course F Potter modr J W Baird Clk.

September, the 20 day 1851 Church meeting
"the refference of Sister Sally Meeks is continued to next meeting. and the Church say the moderator apoint two members to see Sister Meeks and he say L Hall, & J W Baird, see Sister Meeks, and report at our next meeting, then concluded in peace."

October th 18 day 1851, Church meeting
(order of business as usual) 2nd peace & refference called for and the refference of Sister Sally Meeks took up and the report of the Brothren received & the y discharged from that duty; then the Church say that she take up a charge against Sister Miiks, for reflecting on the judgment of the Church which was done, then the Church say she send a member to let Sister Miiks know that if she has any defence to make she can make it at next meeting; and the Church say Br Richard Atteberry see Sister Meeks and report at our next meeting in course

November 16, 1861 Church meeting
"The report of Br Rich and Atteberry respecting Sister Meeks received and him discharged from that duty 2nd the Church say that refference be laid over till May. meeting; next, then we say our meeting this winter be held at the school house near Silas Wilsons then concluded"

December 20 day 1851- Church meeting- Jany 17th day 1852- Church meeting

February the 14 day 1852 Church meeting
The Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ called Hopewell met according to appointment and after divine service set in order. 1st visiting brethren invited to a seat with us nd2 peace & references called fo r and find all in peace 3 then a door was opened for the reception of members & received Brother Abraham Martin by relation and then concluded in peace

Note the new term "Predestinarian" added at the following month
March the 20 day 1852 Church Meeting
"The Regular Predestinarian Baptist Church of Jesus Ch rist called Hopewell met according to appointment."(No new business)



May 15th 1852 Church meeting

The Regular Baptist Church of Christ called Hopewell met --- references called for, when Br Blissit laid in a charge against himself, first for sending a note to brother Potter about some money instead of going to see him his self and then for getting in a pashion (passion) afterwards; for which things he was sorry and wished the church and Br Potter to forgive him, for which the church forgave him. then he laid in a charge against Br Potter for false statements respecting lent money that Br Potter had got from Br Blissit and about twenty five cents, that Br Potter did owe him, the charge was taken up by the Church, and they not feeling themselves able to settle it we agreed to call on our Sister Churches to wit New hope, Burnt Prairie, and Mount Pleasant to aid us in this mater -Sister Sally Meeks referred to meeting

June the 19th 1852 Church meeting "Sister Sally Meeks is referred to our next meeting in corse; then the reference of Br Blissit & Br Potter took up and letters and messengers received from Mt Pleasant brethren John Hunsinger, Adam C. Hunsinger, & James Coonrod; from New Hope, Miles Carter, Wm Upton, and Richard Upton & F Nations; & from Bt Prairie R. S. Gray, Wm Simpson, & Richard Atteberry Senr and they took in Brethren Isham Caudle and J. Murphy into the committy; after the committy returning to themselves awhile and hearing all the testimony on both sides, we the committy, upon due consideration believe that Br Blissit had no right of presenting the charge against Br Potter before the church that he did and we do not believe that he sustained such charge; and has thereby injured Br Potter and is in justice bound to make satisfaction to Br Potter for the same and the Church say she receive the act of the committy and the Church granted Sister Julia McCullough a letter of dismission then adjourned to time in course J W Baird Clerk John Hunsinger MD protom

July the 17 day 1852 Church meeting (order of business as usual)
"the Church say Sister Miids case be refered to next meeting and that Sister Eliza Atteberry see Sister Meeks, and request her to attend our next meeting and speak for hir self". (My personal opinion is that Sister Meeks must have been a good paying member or had a good paying husband)

August 14th 1852 Church meeting Br Thomas is chosen as moderator for the day. the third order was "the reference of Sister Meeks red and took up by the Church for investigation and the Church say she rescind the charge taken up by the Church against Sister Meeks; and she is restored in peace with us. 4

the church say she take up a charge against Br Predi Meeks for unchristain like conduct in meeting and the Church say the case of Br Meeks is referred to next meeting; and that Brethren John Atteberry, Nathan Renfro; and J W Baird labour with Br Meeks and report at next meeting--- the same meeting "Br Pradi Meeks came forward and gave satisfaction to the Church for his outbrake and was restored again; then concluded in peace." Wm Thomas modr protom

September the 18th 1852 Church meeting
(order of business called for as usual) 3rd peace and references
called for; and Br Blissit rose and said he had done rong with
Br Potter and he was sorry for all the rongs he had done to Br Potter
then the report of the committy was called for read and discussed;
and the church Br Blissit has done all that is required of him to do
in the case of Br Potter; and Br Potter would not receive the acknow-
ledgment; then a committy of Brethren to wit John Humsinger R S Gray
Richard Atteberry Senr; M. Carter; and J W Baird went out wwith
Br Blissit; and Br Potter and tried to reconcile the matter and Br
Potter would not have them; they then returned to the house, andd
Br Blissit rose a second time and acknoleded he was sorry for all the
rongs he had ever done to Br Potter; and the Church was satisfied with
the acknowledgement; and Br Potter would not receive it. 4 the minit
of the day called for read and received then adjourned til time and
place in corse. Br Wm Thomas, mod protem J W Baird Clerk

October the 16th day 1852
(Business as usual)"the Church say our next meeting be at the school
house near Silas Wilsons 5th the Church say she enter a charge against
Br Potter for not going with the Church, in the acknowledgement of
Br Blessit, and the charge be refered till next meeting for triel

November the 20 1852
"The refference of Br Potter; red & took up by the Church & the Church
say she exclud Br Felix Potter from the fellowship of this Church;
therefore we are not aaccountable for his conduct then came to a close

December 18 1852, church meeting
"next meeting be at friend Benjamin Meeks "

January the 14 day 1853
"the next meeting be at Br Halls"

February the 19th 1853
"the Church say our next meeting be at J W Bairds"

March the 19th 1853
" and nothing comeing before the Church; she say our next meeting
be at; Br Blissits; then concluded in peace "

April the 16th day 1853
3rd order of business: "the Church say she send two brethren to see
Sister Sally Meeks and know hir reasons for not filing her seat at
meeting, and they say L Hall and J W Baird go and see Sister Meeks
and conclude in peace J W Baird Clerk and modr protem

May the 14 day 1853
"the reference of the numbers sent to see Sister Sally Meeks was read
and Br Hall reported that we went to see Sister Sally Meeks ; and she
was not at home so we did not see her; 2nd then the Church say she
do away the reference of Sister Meeks then closed in peace.

July the 16 day 1853 Church meeting
next for 1854

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July the 16th day 1853; Church meeting
3rd order of business; "the Church say the clerk prepar a letter to the association against next meeting and present it them; for the inspection of the Church then adjourned till time and place incorse "

August the 20 day 1853 Church meeting
3rd order of business: " the reference of the letter for the association called for, read and received; the Church then apointed brethren J W Baird; L Hall; and S Blissit; and in case of failure, R. Atteberry Junr (Richard Atteberry Junior) and the Church say we send seventy five cents contrabution to the Association. and then adjourned Wm Thomas moderator J W Baird Clk

September 17th 1853 Church meeting
(order of business as usual) no new business

October time for meeting but no chorum; (Quorem) so nothing done

May Meeting 1854

The Regular Baptist Church of Christ called Hopewell; met according to apointment and after singing and prair set in order; 1st peace and reference called for 2nd business called for, and the Church say she take up a charge against Sisters Sarah Atteberry, Sally Meeks; Phebe Butler Susan Jerls (this word must have been spelled according to sound. I cannot think of such a name in this area); and Polly Rolls (Could have been Eawls, perhaps) {the handwriting is readable, but are they spelled right} for declaring an unfellowship for us; by joining a Church of a nother faith and order therefore they are no more of us and we are not accountable for them, adjourned Baird Clk and mdr

June 17 1854
No new business.

July 15th 1854 Church meeting
New business: the Church say our day of meeting be on the Saturday before the second Sunday instead of the third as has been
4th the Church say she appoint two more trustees, to act with Brother L Hoel (Hall); and that they be Jacob W Baird and Solomon Blessit

Aug 1854 Churchmeeting
New business- the Church sends three delegates to the association and seventy five cents in "contrabution" J W Baird Clk R. S Gray modr pt

Nov 11, 1854 Church meeting
3rd order "Business called for and a motion was made to recind the act of the exclusion of Br Potter; and that we send to Long Prairie and Little flock Churches for helps to aid us in this present difficulty and that J W Baird; & L Hall go to Little flock and Richard Atteberry Jr & N Renfro go to Long Prairie and request helps from them to meet us at our next meeting C H Clay moderator J W Baird Clk

Dec 9 1854 Church meeting
new business: 3rd "peace and reference callef for and the reference of Br Potter ____? ; and the committy received; From Long Prairie J. Doty, S. Doty & Br Misinghammer; From Little flock C H Clay; I Coddle (Caudle) ; & S. Atteberry, and they took in John Hunsinger, A C Hunsinger & Miles Carter & Richard Atterberry Senior and that



they set as a committy; the committy retired awhile & then returned & reported that they had done the very best they cold do in the case; & here is the report: We the committy on examination of the proceeding, hold in the case of Br Blissit, & Potter recorded in the Bhurch Book have come to the conclusion that according to the requirements of the went to Br Potter, according to the 18th of Mathew and tried to have given satisfaction to Br Potter & the Church received the report of the committy.4 the Church say Br John Atteberry get a letter of dismission from this church J W Baird Clerk John Hunsinger modr

Jany 13, 1855 Church meeting

4th on order : "business called for; & Br Potter gave satisfaction to the Church; & is fully restored; to fellowship with us.
John Hunsinger modr J W Baird Clerk

Feby 10, 1855

business was called for, when as letter was received and read from Barbary Atteberry, wishing to be restored to fellowship in this church; & the Church say Sister Barbary Atteberry is restored to fellowship with us; and at hir request we grant hir a letter of dismission from this Church. J W Baird Clk John Hunsinger modr

March 10th 1855 Church meeting

Br C H Clay moderator "business was called for; when Br Potter rose & let the Church know that a reconcila tion, had taken place between him and Br Blissit; then closed

April 7th 1855 Church meeting

"door was opened for the reception of members & received Sister Julia Ann Friend by letter, then concluded in peace.

Appil 8th Received Nancy Renfro by experience

May 12 1855 a door was opened for the reception of members ; and received Daniel Baird, Sarah Atteberry; Thomas Reed, and Martha Ann Reed all by experience. 4 the Church say J W Baird is released as trustee, and that Walker McCullough is appointed a trustee of Hopewell Church in Bairds stead. then concluded in peace.

June 7 1855 Church meeting

Sarah Jane Blessit was received into the Church by experience
4 business called for "and the Church say we change our days of meeting to the third as it used to be 5 the Church say she receive the deed made to the Church trustees, for the meeting house ground; then concluded in peace J Doty modr J W Baird Clk

July 1855 "the Church say the clerk prepair a letter to the association by next meeting and we say in our letter, we do not wish to reunite with the little Wabash association on the account of the great distance that some of the churches would have to go. then the Church say she change our days of meeting agin to the second as we had it before then Brother Potter requested a letter for himself and wife; which was granted then come to a close in peace J Hunsinger mdr

Aug 11 1855 sends three representatives and one dollar to the Association

Sept 10 1855 --Nov 10 1855 -- No new business

March 1856 "the Church say Br Thomas Reed be an assistant Clerk

April 9, 1856 -- May 10 1856 No new business

June 7, 1856-- July 12, 1856- No new business

Sept 13, 1856-- Oct 11, 1856--Nov 1856 No new business

Dec 13 1856--Jan 17, 1857- Feb 14, 1857- Received Br Isaiah Walker by letter . (Was an Elder or minister)

March 14, 1857 Brother Isaiah Walker is "to be our standing moderator"

April 18, 1857 - No new business -- May 16, 1857 "the Church say our July meeting be a communion meeting with us. then closed in peace"

July 14, 1857 - "The church request Br John Hunsinger a deacon of Mt Pleasant Church to assist our deacon tomorrow in communion. and we the church say we select one of our members at our next meeting to be deacon with us. I. Walker mdr J W Baird Clk

Aug 15, 1857 "we send a request to Burnt Prairie and Mount Pleasant Churches for ministerial aid and deacons; to assist us in the ordination of a deacon at our October meeting and we likewise say our stated times for communion be at our May and October meeting. "

Sept 17, 1857 -- Oct 17 1857 -- the ordination of a deacon took up the delegates from the following churches to wit; Burnt Prairie R. S. Gray; from Mt Pleasant; J Hunsinger and N Williams; together with Elder Charles Whiting from Little Wabash Church and Brother Miles Carter from New Hope Church which community together with Hopewell church proceeded 1st to choose Elder Charles Whiting moderator and then proceeded to the ordination of Br Thomas Reed

Nov 14, 1857 -- No new business Dec 19, 1857 No new business

Jan 16, 1858 -- Feb 20, 1858--May 15, 1858

March and April wet days no one out

June 19, 1858 --July 17, 1858-- Aug 14, 1858. Send \$1.50 and three delegates to the association

October 1858 "Received a request from our Sister Church called Mt Pleasant by the hands of Br Whiting for aid in their next meeting for the ordination of one minister and two deacons. we answer request.

Feb 19, 1859--March 19, 1859 a door was opened for members and received Harriet Clark by letter and Alexander Clark; and Wm Wheeler by experience

March 19, 1859 --April 16, 1859 -- May 14, 1859--no new business
July 16, 1859-- Aug 20, 1859 three delegates picked for the
association and \$1.50 in money 3rd "we say we send three members
to see Br Pridi Meeks and request him to fill his seat at next meeting "

September 17th 1859 "the reference of Pridi Meeks taken up and the
Church say she will act on it then by motion and second the Church
say they expell Bro Pridi Meekd from the fellowship of this Church "

October 15, 1859 ---November 19, 1859 - Dec 17th, 1859 no new business
Feb 18, 1860--"the church say she grant the request of Mt Pleasant
church and send send the following named delegates to assist in the
ordination of bro Nathaniel Williams and brother Slade Smith " J W
Baird and Wm Delegates from Hopewell
Wheeler

April 14, 1860 -- May 19, 1860--July 14, 1860-- no new business
July 14, 1860 -- Aug 18, 1860- Sends \$1.25 to the association
Sept 15, 1860 -- Oct 20, 1860 2the church granted Br Walker a letter"
November 17, 1860--Dec 15, 1860- no new business

Jany 19, 1861 "a difficulty comeing wup with D K Baird against T Reed
a committy was chosen; and they settled it then 2nd the case of
Sister Harl with Br Blesit, was taken up and settled then come to close."

Feb 1861-no meeting

March 16, 1861- "peace and reff erence called for, when old Sister
Baird complained of bad treatment by Br T Reed and of his using
unchristain language; when to Church, called a committy of brethren,
who with the parties; when Brother Reed acknowledge he had done rong in
using the language; and the Sister said she would drop it; the
Church received the report and retained the Brother.3 the reference of
last meeting being settled . 4 the Church called Elder N. Williams to
the pastoral care of the Church then closed. J W Baird Clk I. Walker md

April 20, 1861"At therequest of Br Thomas Reed the Church say he is
released of the deaconship of this Church."

May 18, 1861 --June 1861-- July 20, 1861 "received a letter from our
Sister Church by the hands of Br R S Gray & J Martin from Burnt
Prarie for helps to disolve that Church at their August meeting. "

August 1861 a door opened for the reception of members & received
R S Gray & Susanah Gray by letter then we say R S Gray be our Deacon
to fill our vacancy . we send one dolar and fifty centd to the
association. " S. Blisit, R S Gray and Alexander Clark to be delegates
"received J Martin & Elisabeth by letter"

Sept 14, 1861--Oct 19, 1861-- Nov 16, 1861 "received Br Wm Tooms by letter
Dec 14, 1861-- a door was opened for members and received Nancy Kennedy
by experience Sunday the 15th the door buill being open and received
Martha Blisit , Priscila Murphy, Rebecky Tooms; and Elisabeth Kennedy
by experience".

Jan4 1862 at a call meeting received Lucy Murphy by letter and John
Murphy by experience and baptised five then closed in peace.

Jan 18, 1862 a door was then opened for the reception of members; and
received Br Isham Cudde; and Sarah his wife by letter and Predi
Meeks by restoration then closed in peace .

August 1865 Church Meeting

The Regular Baptist Church of Christ cald Hopewell met acording to appointment and after divine service sat in order

1st Visiting brethren invited to a seat with us

2nd Peace and reference cald for

3rd The reference of last meeting taken up

4th The letter read and recevd by filling up the blanks

5th The following brethren ware chosen to bare this our letter

Thomas Reed, S. Blissit, Balus Odell N. Williams Moderator, T. Reed Clrk

September 1865 Church Meeting

...."the church apoints the folowing brethren to the office of deacon Balus Odell, John Murphy and apoints the folowing brethren to visit Mount Pleasant S. Blisset R Atteberry and request her ministerial aid at our next meeting for the purpose of ordaining deacons..."

October 1865

... "thereference from last meeting respecting the ordination of Br John Murphy and Balus Odell as deacons was taken up the committee appointed to visit Mount Pleasant asking for ordained helps made report that they had done so and that Mount Pleasant Church has responded. Elder John Hunsinger, M. Williams, and Lewis Hunsinger were received and together with Br. R. S. Gray and Jacob Baird the old deacons of Hopewell Church were choses as a presbytery to ordain the above mentioned brethren. The committee then organized by appointing Elder N. Williams moderator and John Hunsinger Clerk of the Committee afore named Br John Murphy Balus Odell presented to the committee when after examination proceded to ordain them. Elder John Hunsinger offeroin the ordaining prayer. Brother John Hunsinger being further selected to give said deacons their charge as to their duties of said office after which they were presented to and received by the church extending to them the right hand of fellowship the church then on motion agreeable to the former request of R S. Gray J Baird the former deacons again to releas them from further liability as to said office and adjourned in peace and order"

Feb 1866.... "the Church say Brother B. Odell is their Clerk. The Church say she grants brother Nathan Renfro and Nancy Renfro his wife a letter of dismission also Sister Elizabeth Hunsinger a letter of dismission. Ordered B Odell to write said letters which he did and handed to them...."

April 14th 1866 ... " the Church say they choose Elder John Hunsinger as Moderator for twelve month. ... "

December 15, 1866...."Peace & reference called for The reference taken up from October meeting and the following Brethren appointed trustees of Hopewell Church to wit brother Solomon Blissit B. Odell P. Meeks (Pridy) done and signed by order of the Church. Balus Odell Clerk. Elder John Hunsinger, moderator

February the 15th 1868..."the Church take up a charge against Brother James Day for un Christian lik conduct and apoint the folering brethren to visit said brother and report at our next meeting" Balus Odell Clerk J. Hunsinger Modera tor

April 18, 1868. "by motion & second the church excluded brother Day from her fellowship. "

ADDENDA - HOPEWELL CHURCH MINUTES

- June 9, 1862 - Received Elizabeth Baird by experience. S. Smith, Mod. J. W. Baird, Clk.
- July 1862 - send R. S. Gray, I. Caudle, R. Atteberry and S. Blisit, the alternate to the Assoc. N. Williams, Mod. J. W. Baird, Clk.
- Nov. 15, 1862 - Church say she release the former Clerk at his request and appoint Br. T. Reed their Clerk. J. Hunsinger Mod., J. W. Baird, Clk.
- Dec. 20, 1862 - motioned and seconded that Brother Baird hand the Church Book of E. Prairie over to his successor in ofis. ? Williams, Mod. T. Reed, Church Clerk.
- June 20, 1863 - the Church says she grants Brother J. (?) Martin and Sister Martin their letter.
- Aug. 1863 - Door of the church was opened and received Brother Friend by letter. Brother Gray and Brother Baird in case of failure Brother Blisset and Brother Richard Atteberry (no explanation as to the purpose of these names.)
- April, 1864 - Charge taken up against Brother Hall for riotous conduct. The church appoints the following brethren a committee to visit Bro. L. Hall and report at the next meeting. Bro. Baird, Brother Clark. 4th The church agrees to appoint the following Brethren T. Reed, P Meeks, S Blisit Trustees. N. Williams, Mod. T. Reed, Clk.
- June, 1864 - Case of Bro. Hall. Church agrees to exclude Bro. Hall. (Note: I believe Balus Odell joined by experience - the name was difficult to decipher.)
- July 1864 - Received Mary Tombs by experience.
- Aug. 1864 - Following brethren appointed barbers, Balus Odell, S. Blisit, T. Reed.
- Oct. 1864 - Church say she takes up a charge against Bro. Caudle by report for drinking too much liquor and appointed the following brethren to visit = Balus Odell, Nathan Renfro, P Meeks.
- Nov. 1864 - Church discharges Bro. Caudle from her church fellowship.
- Mar. 1865 - Received Martha Ann Rhodes by experience.
- Jan. 1866 - Grants Bro. Reed's request of letter and Bro. Caudle rite it. Church rescinds her act of last meeting concerning the money made up for the use of Bro. Tombs. Church say she send the following brethren to visit Bro. Howerd and report at next meeting - ? Friend, P Meeks. The church say she releases Bro. Williams from pastoral care of the church. N. Williams Mod., T. Reed, Church Clerk.
- Apr. 1866 - Bro. Nathan Renfro and Nancy his wife returned their letter. Received Bro. Holly Hodges by relation.

- May 1866 - Motion and second the church take up a charge against Sister Nancy Hall for failing to fill her seat at our regular meeting and denying fellowship with some of our members. Appoint a committee to visit Sister Hall - Bro. Ephriam Friend and wife, Bro. Pradi Meeks, John Huntsinger, Mod., B. Odell, G. Clerk.
- July 1866 - Reference taken up against Sister Hall. Church excludes Sister Hall. The church liberates Bro. I. Caudle to exercise his gift in a public way.
- Aug. 1866 - Following named brethren chosen to bear letter to the Assoc. - Bro. I. Caudle, Solomon Blissit, B. Odell and Bro. Pradi Meeks in case of failure.
- March 1867 - Received Isaac Rhodes and Margaret A. Meeks by experience. I. Caudle, Clerk Proteem, Elder John Huntsinger
- May 1867 - Sister Sarah Wood joined by letter and Manervy V. Day by experience.
- June 1867 - Request ministering brethren of Mt. Pleasant and Providence Church to visit us and appoint Bro. I. Caudle and S. Blissit to visit Providence and Bro. J. Copeland and P. Meeks to visit Mt. Pleasant Church. 7th Inasmuch as Bro. Musgraves has absented himself from the church for some time we agree to send Bro. B. Odell, P Meeks and I Caudle to visit said Bro. to obtain his reason and report at next meeting.
- July 1867 - Manervy V. Day, J. S. Hodges departed this life in July 1867.
- Aug. 1867 - Following chosen to bear letter to the Assoc. - Bros. B. Odell, S. Blissit, I. Caudle and in case of failure, P. Meeks.
- Oct. 1867 - Sister Mahala Churchwell joined by experience. Wm. Nunn by relation.
- Nov. 16, 1867 - During the past week Bro. Alex Clark and Sister Catherine Hodges departed this life.
- May 1868 - On Saturday evening at Brother Ishem Codles, Sister Lucey Bird joined by experience.
- June 20, 1868 - Church sends I. Codle to Long Prairie; S. Blissit and I. Codle to Little Wabash; and B. Odell and I. Rhodes to Mt. Pleasant for ministerial aid to attend at our next meeting.
- Aug. 15, 1868 - Bro. James Copelan granted letter of dismission.
- Nov. 14, 1868 - Bro. Thomas Reed joined by letter. Balus Odell, Church Clerk; Phelix Potter, Mod. Proteem
- Jan. 16, 1869 - Received a letter from Little Wabash by the hands of Bros. David Stewart, J. (?) Hon and A. Hugues. Agree to send 3 of the brethren to wit: B. Odell, I. Caudle, P. Meeks.
- Mar. 20, 1869 - Church appoints Bro. Thomas Reed Trustee of Hopewell Church.

- Apr. 17, 1869 - Sary Giford joined by experience.
- Jan. 15, 1870 - Resinds the act of receiving Sary Gifferd for failing to comply with the requirements of the church and the mode of baptism.
- May 15, 1870 - Bro. Jefferson Murphy and Margaret, his wife, joined by letter. Called Elder James Jones to take the pastorel care of the church for one yeare.
- Aug. 20, 1870 - Bro. David H. Day and wife Susan S. (?) Day joined by experience. Sister Isibell Simpson joined by experience.
- Oct. 15, 1870 - Sister Elizabeth Meeks granted letter of dismission. Alen Atteberry and wife joined by experience.
- Dec. 17, 1870 - 2 members joined at Bro. Wm. Nunn's and order the names inroled at the proper place on Church Book. (Note: no names given.)
- Feb. 1871 - Church take up a charge against Bro. Pridi Meeks for not filling his seat on days of meeting and appoints the following brothers to visit said brother, to wit: Bros. John Murphy, Nathing Renfrow and Epragm Friend. Balus Odell, Clerk; I. Caudle, Mod.
- Mar. 18, 1871 - Bro. Pridi Meeks excluded from the fellowship.
- June 17, 1871 - Sister Mariah Watkins joined by experience and Sister Mary Smith by letter.
- July 15, 1871 - Bro. Thomas Reed granted letter of dismission.
- Oct. 14, 1871 - Sister Matilda Cowsay (?) joined by letter.
- Dec. 16, 1871 - Church agrees to give Sister Martha Bleset \$500 (must be \$5.00) for taking care of the church house one year.
- July 20, 1872 - Church releases Bro. John Murphey from the deaconship and apoint Bro. Jeferson Murphey to fill the vacancy.
- Aug. 1872 - Bro. Charles Wheeler joined by experience.
- Oct. 19, 1872 - Bro. H. R. Wade joined by letter. Received a letter from Little Flock church by the hand of Bro. Stout Atteberry to investigate a matter with them. Church agrees to send Jeferson Murphey, I. Codel and B. Odell.
- Nov. 1872 - Church called Elder P. Wooton to take the pastoral care of the church for one yeare.
- Apr. 19, 1873 - Bro. Jepsey (?) Martin granted letter of dismission.
- July 19, 1873 - Elder Slad Smith received by letter. Bro. J. Martin granted letter of dismission - also Bro. J. Murphy and wife.

Aug. 16, 1873 - Bro. Odell acknowledges a wrong and was forgiven.

Sept. 20, 1873 - Received a letter from Little Flock Church by the hands of Bros. Joseph Chrast and James Chrast requesting us to visit them at their Oct. Meeting.

Oct. 19, 1873 - Sister Nancy Hall made her acknowledgments and was forgiven and restored to fellowship and a letter of dismission was granted.

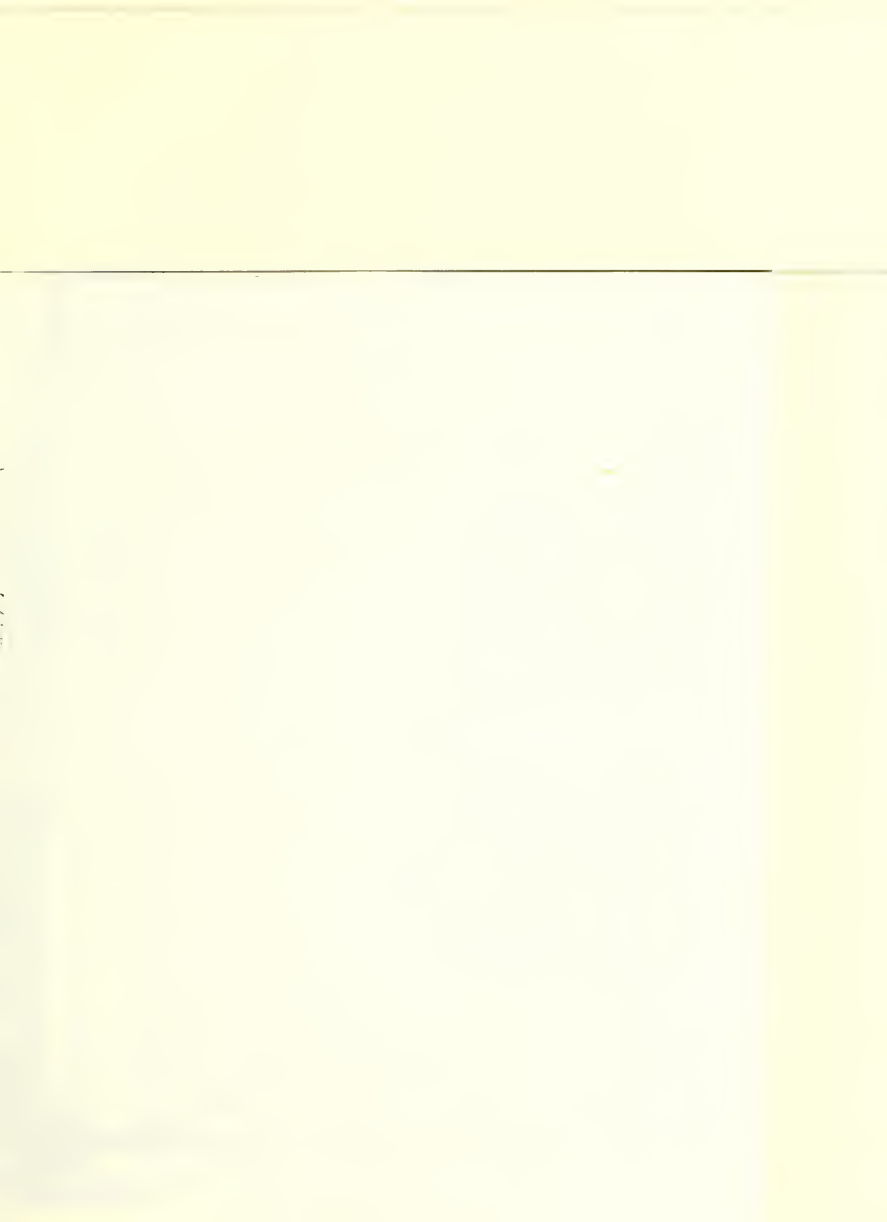
Feb. 14, 1874 - Received by experience Sister Almarine Musgrave.

Mar. 1874 - Church authorize the Clerk to enrol the names of some members not received at the church, towit: Samuel Musgrave and Mary Musgrave.

Apr. 1874 - Sister Eliza Odell joined by experience. Church take up a charge against Bro. John Murphey and wife for non attendance their regular meetings. Appoint the following named brethren to visit them towit: Isham Caudle, Balus Odell, Ephram Friend. Received a letter from Little Flock by the hand of Bro. Joseph Crask requesting us to visit at their May meeting. Church granted letters of dismission to Bro. Nathan Renfro and Nancy, his wife; Bro. Samuel Musgrave, Sister Almarine, his wife; also Sister Mary M. Musgrave.

May 1874 - Church excludes Bro. John Murphey and Porcilear, his wife. B. Odell, Clk; Elder J. Wootin, Mod. (Note: Porcilear - Priscilla (?))

At this point the church book was full. Have not been able to locate the later books. Mr. Upchurch had the ~~last~~ ^{last} books, and later Mrs. Homer Davis, his step-granddaughter had them. She gave them to Asa Wilson, who was going to put the books "where they could be seen, but not taken away". Asa Wilson died in 1962, and I have found no one who knows what he did with the books. We have checked the Fairfield Library, Wayne Co. Historical Society, the library and historical society at Carmi, Ill., also the Historical Commission of the Baptist Churches at Nashville, Tenn. Anyone have any ideas where else to look?

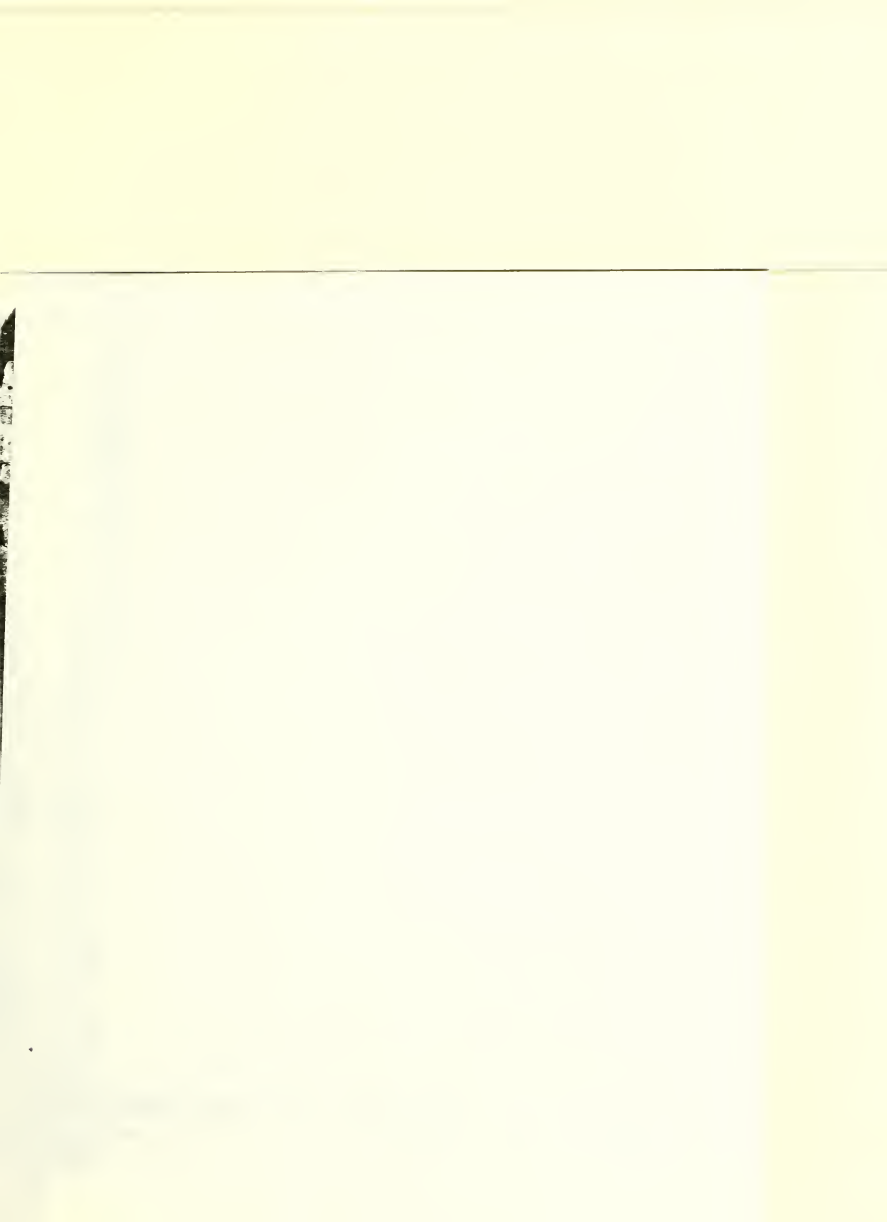


List of names of the members
the first of July 1845

John Atterberry
Barbary Atterberry
Jacob W. Beaid
Elizabeth Beaid
Nathan Atterberry
Sarah Necks
Prady Necks
Isaac Walker
Lapsley Hall
Mary Hall
Solomon Blissit
Polly Watkins
George Close
Hornie Close
Hardin Necks
Raney Necks
James Hurl
Nathan Bump
Elizabeth Bump
Dey Hurl
Hannah Hall
Greenville Bump
Wm. McCullough
Julia McCullough
Polly McCullough
Alice Buehler
Susanah J. Juel
James Doris
Lizaly Doris
Hannah Carter
Benjamin Pendleton
Samuel Pendleton
Eliza Pendleton
Sarah Atterberry
Bobby Butler

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Members of Hopewell Church
Borebury Hledary
Sathan Atterberry
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George Close
Life in 1849
Hendon Necks included
Raney Necks included
Greenville Bump excluded
dismissed by letter
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James Doris excluded
Lizaly Doris excluded
Hannah Carter included
Benjamin Pendleton excluded
Samuel Pendleton included
Eliza Pendleton included
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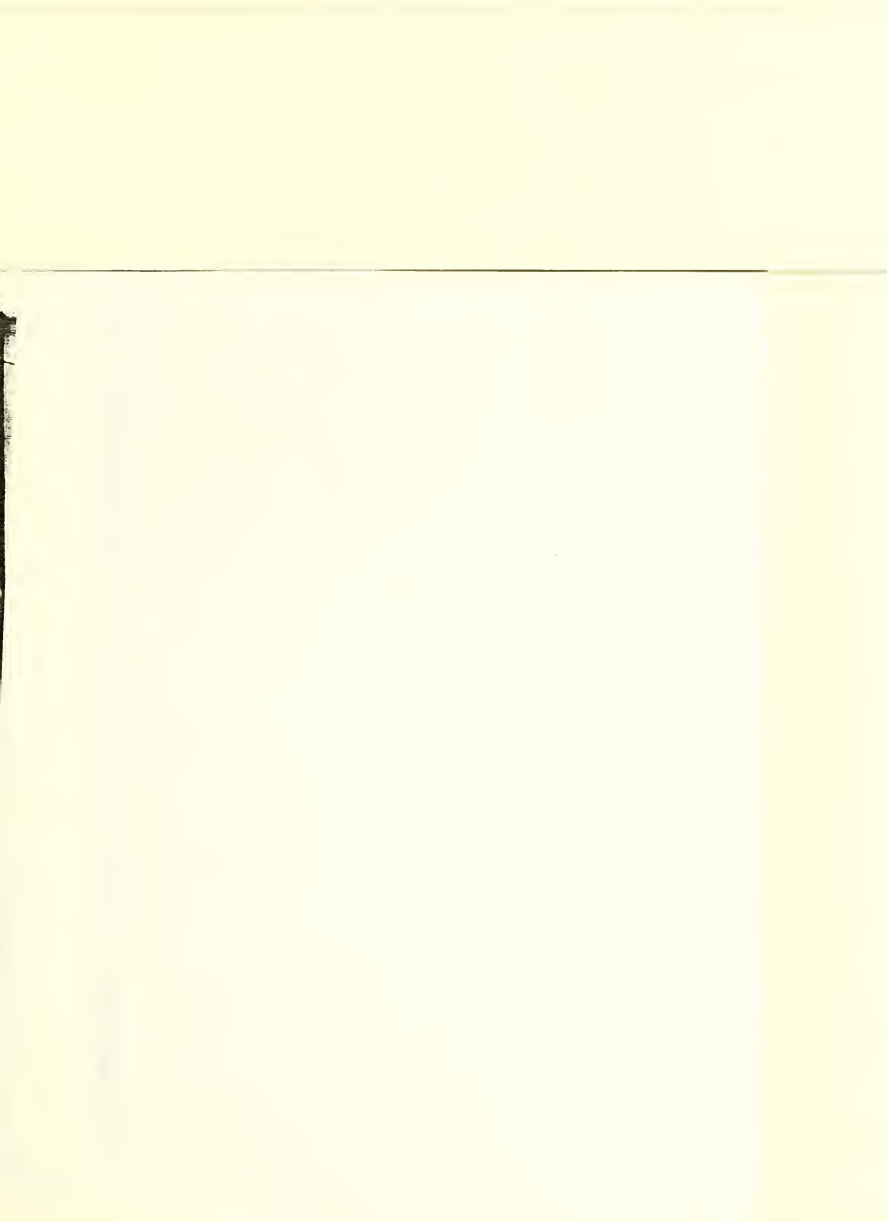
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J. W. Baird 1
 Harriet Clark 2
 Polly W. Sullough 3
 J. " Gould 4
 Julia Friend 5
 Susan Gray 6
 Priscilla Murphy 7
 John Murphy 8
 Martha Blissit 9
 Rebecca Tombs 10
 Lucy Murphy 11
 Isaham Candler 12
 Sarah Candler 13
 Samuel Howard 14
 Reuben Collett 15
 Mary Tombs 16
 Martha A. Church 17
 Margaret Farn 18
 Leptth Martin 19
 Nathan Lewis 20
 Nancy Rensselaer 21
 Ch. Train Friend 22
 Isaac Rhodes 23
 Margaret Weeks 24
 Sarah Wood 25
 Polly A. Thibodeau 26
 Lucy Baird 27
 H. Wm Farn 28
 Mat. L. Churchwell 29
 Jane Howard 30
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David H. Day 32
 Susan P. Day 33
 Rachel Simpson 34
 Helen Stetson 35
 his wife 36
 Jefferson Murphy 37
 Margaret Murphy 38
 Mary Smith 39
 Mark Withins 40
 Mabel L. W. 41
 Henry R. Wade 42
 J. W. Wheeler 43
 Slade Smith 44
 Samuel Masgrave 45
 Annisne Masgrave 46
 Mary M. Masgrave 47

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List of Names of the members of Asperwell

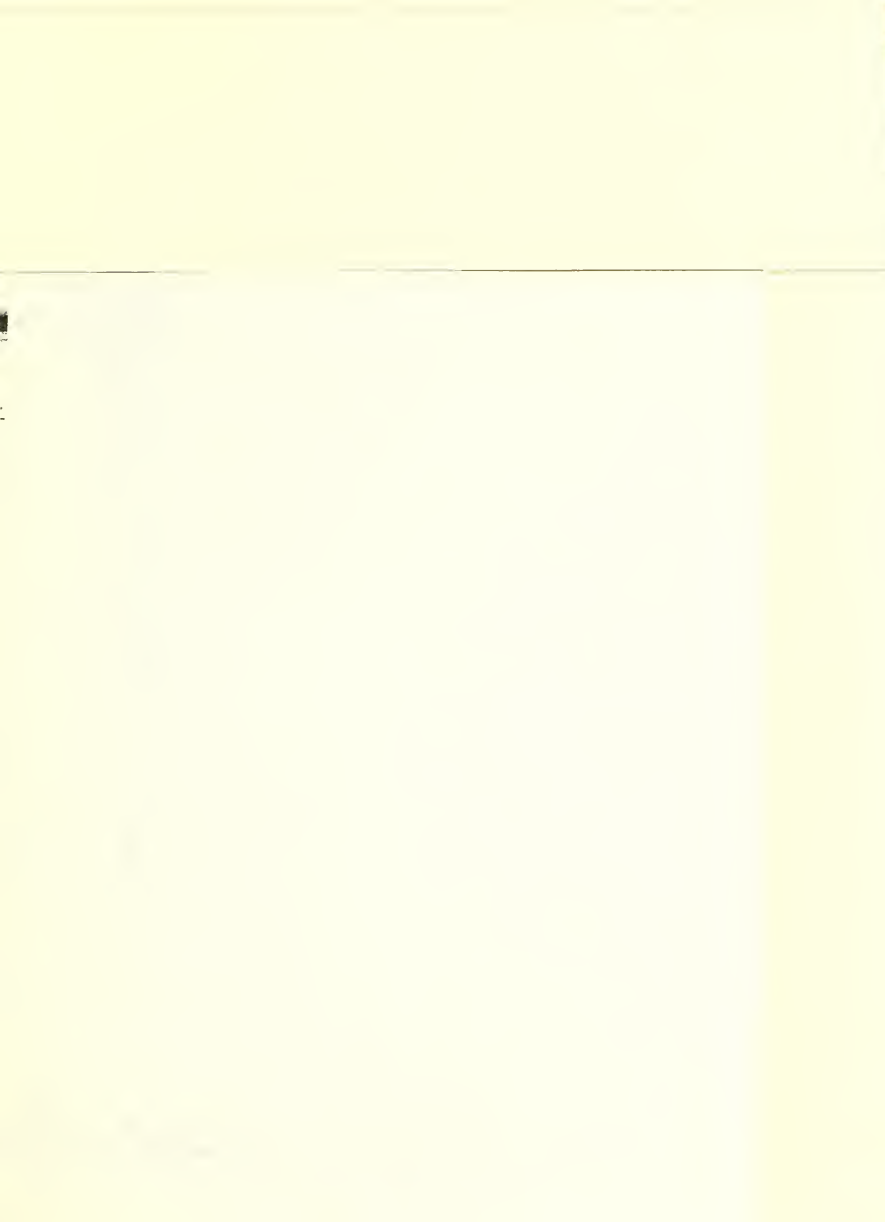
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John	3	do	100	36
Henry	4	do	100	36
Solomon	5	do	100	36
John	6	do	100	36
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A list of names of members belonging to the

J. M. Beard	1	Margaret Kurns	
Elizabeth Beard	2	Esther Copelen a.s.	
Nancy Hall	3	Catharine Hodges	
Solomon Blissit	4	Leff Martin	
Richard Attiberry	5	Holley Hodges	
Eliza Attiberry	6	Nathan Kenfroe	
Alexander Clark	7	Nancy Kenfroe	
Harriet Clark	8	Ep. train Friend	
Liey. Murphy	9	Isaac Babojes	
Polly McCoullough	10	Margaret Weeks	
Lane Hearsh	11	Lorah Wood	
Julia Friend	12	Mannerie & Prager	
B. S. Gray	13	James B. Hodges	
Susan Gray	14	Polly Ann Hodges	
Nancy Kennedy	15	James Sayles	
Rosella Murphy	16	Lurey Boring	
John Murphy	17		
Martha Blissit	18		
Elizabeth Manks	19		
Rebecca Tombs	20	David J. J. J.	
Wm. Tombs	21	Susan J. J.	
Lucy Murphy	22	J. S. J. J.	
Isam Caudle	23	J. S. J. J.	
Sarah Caudle	24	J. S. J. J.	
Pradi Weeks	25	J. S. J. J.	
Samuel Howard	26		
Lane Howard	27		
Moses J. Murphree	28		
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Martha O. Manks	31		
James Copelen a.s.	32		

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Phely Butter	36	excluded	
Elder John Himmel	37	John Himmel excluded	11
Polly Himmel	38	Polly Himmel excluded	12
Polly - Nelson	39	Excluded	13
Charity Walker	1	in the year 1848	
Sarah King	1	in the year 1847	
in the year of our Lord	1847	Excluded	2
Elizabeth Lottbury	1	1847	
Elizabeth L. Attiebury	Deced. in 1847		
Charity Walker	Deced. in 1847		
Sarah King	Deced. in 1847		

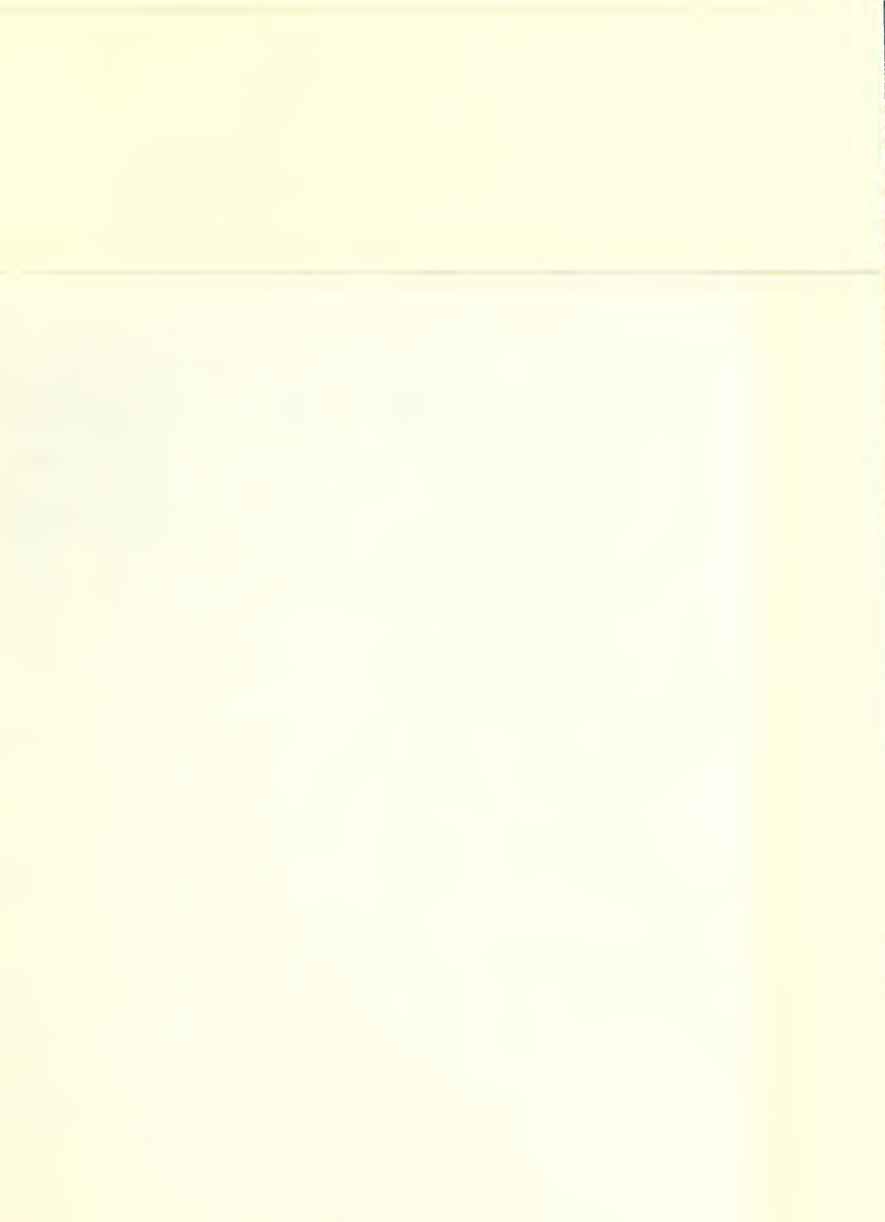
Annie Bisset	1	received in the year 1847	
Deced. by experience in	the year 1848		
Richard H. H. H.	1	dec. in 1849	
4. H. H. H.	1	born in 1849	
In the year 1849		born in 1849	
John P. H. H.	1	born in 1849	
in the year of our Lord	1850	Excluded in the year 1850	one
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John P. H. H.	1	dismissed by letter	1
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In the year of our Lord	1852		
Abraham Martin	1	dismissed by letter	1
by resolution		reported this year to meeting	

John P. H. H. Excluded in 1852
 in the year of our Lord 1852
 having closed this book we commence
 on another since



A new list of members of the members
of Hopewell Church in 1854

- John Atterbury Jr 1 dismissed by letter
J. H. Brown 2
Elizabeth Brown 3
Lapsley Hall 4
Perry Hall 5
Dr. David Rogers 6 excluded
Solomon Blissit 7
Polly Watkins 8 dead
Jesse Howell 9
Martha Kenyon 10
Elizabeth Kenyon 11 departed this life Oct 1856
Dicy, H. H. Shyler 12
Martha Hall 13
Polly W. Lambrough 14
Richard H. Lambrough 15
Elijah Atterbury 16
L. Brown Rogers 17 departed this life Nov 1857
Elizabeth Atter 18
Felix Atter 19 restored in 1855
1855 Daniel H. Brown 20 by experience
Jesse Atterbury 21 by experience Dec 1857
Thomas Reed 22 by experience
Martha Ann Reed 23 by experience of Jan in 1857
Julia Friend 24 by letter
L. Kenyon 25 by experience
Sarah Jane Blissit 26 by experience
Isaac H. Walker 27 by letter dismissed by letter
Martha Clark 28 by letter
Alexander Clark & family by experience
Wm. Wheeler 29 by experience



Regular Baptist Church of Christ at St Prairie

Names of Church Members	
Annib. Gray	1
Robert A Gray	2
Susan Gray	3
William J. Taylor	4
Lucy Murphy	5
Lucy Simpson - dead	6
William Simpson - dead	7
Nancy Simpson	8
Jefferson Murphy - dismissed by letter	9
Margret Murphy - dismissed by letter	10
Nancy Murphy - dismissed by letter	11
Leptia Martin	12
Elisabeth Martin	13
James Martin - dismissed by letter	14
Moneta Martin - dismissed by letter	15
Daniel Simpson - dismissed by letter	16
Nancy Simpson - dismissed by letter	17
Lucy Wood Excluded	18
Flolly Flolly Excluded	19
Catharine Hodge	20
Isaac Candler	21
Sarah W Candler	22
Ephraim Friend - dismissed by letter	23
Margret McGraws, Deceased	24
Elizabeth Bowman, Deceased	25
Martha Attebury	26
Polly Woodhens now Gray	27
Charles A. Gray	28
William Tombs	29
Mary J Taylor	30
Moses McGroves	31

